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**Federal Election Commission
General Counsel's Office
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463
ATTN: Alva E. Smith****Re: MUR 5642****Dear Ms. Smith**

I am respectfully requesting an extension of time until March 1, 2005 to submit a response to the complaint filed by the National Legal and Policy Center on behalf our client, George Soros, in the above-referenced matter. The complaint was not received by my office until February 1, 2005. During this time, I have been traveling in connection with a separate investigation. In addition, my client has been out of the country on travel. As such, I request an extension in order to consult with my client and ensure we provide a full response to this matter.

Pending receipt of a new Statement of Designation of Counsel, I am providing a copy of the designation form executed by Mr. Soros last year.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-887-4343.

Sincerely,

**Steven R. Ross
Counsel for George Soros**